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Re: Diamond Alkali Superfund Site - Lower Passaic River Study Area

Dear Mr. Riesel:

This will respond to your letter dated March 16, 2016 to Eric Schaaf, Regional Counsel, submitted on behalf of ten entities<sup>1</sup> that have been named as potentially responsible parties (PRPs) with respect to the Diamond Alkali Superfund Site, Lower Passaic River Study Area (LPRSA).

Thank you for your offer to meet to discuss your clients' interest in settlement. As you know, on March 31, 2016, EPA issued a notice letter to the previously-identified PRPs for the LPRSA, and some additional parties. The letter explains that the remedial design for the remedy selected in EPA's Record of Decision for the lower 8.3 miles of the LPRSA is a focus for EPA, but also acknowledges that some PRPs may be eligible for a cash-out settlement.

EPA is currently developing a settlement and implementation framework for the lower 8.3 miles of the LPRSA remedy. We will provide separate notice of the opportunity to discuss a cash-out settlement at a later date, and at the same time, we will communicate with the PRPs not eligible for cash-out. In the interim, if you have further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 212-637-3136.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Sarah P. Flanagan". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Sarah Flanagan  
Assistant Regional Counsel

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<sup>1</sup> CBS Corp., Coats & Clark, Inc., Croda Inc., Franklin-Burlington Plastics Inc., General Electric Company, Goodrich Corp., Otis Elevator Co, Pfizer Inc., Tate & Lyle Ingredients Americas LLC, and Wyeth LLC.